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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, did the Government make any income out of this Exhibition and what is the useful purpose for which these stalls were taken and what is the net result by way of beneficial work done by the Department."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I have no doubt that the hon. Member appreciates the need for propogating the activities of the Agricultural Department and the Industries Department. That was the purpose served, Sir, on account of the expenditure incurred for taking these stalls in the Exhibition."

Slums on Government lands alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare.

* 1060 Q.—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of slums on Government land that were alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare for improvement and for assignment as house sites to the respective occupiers; and

(b) whether slums on the lands, alienated to the Corporation of Madras, have been alienated to the Director of Harijan Welfare likewise for the above purposes?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) An extent of Caw. 42–18–394 square feet of land in the city and an extent of 14·27 acres in the extended areas of the City were transferred to the Harijan Welfare Department for being assigned as house-sites.

" (b) No."

10 a.m. SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" May I know how many acres constitute one *kani*?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" 1-1/3 acres, Sir."

Export of " Pambukkalaver " herb.

* 1061 Q.—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a herb by name " Pambukkalaver " is being exported from the Tuticorin Port to Britain, U.S.A., and Germany;

(b) if so, the quantity so exported; and

(c) the medicinal and scientific value of the herb?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) About 53 tons during 1953–54.

" (c) The roots of the herb are used in India in preparation of medicines for reducing blood pressure. The crude drug was tested about 25 years ago in the General Hospital,

Madras. in cases of high blood pressure and was found effective but gave rise to giddiness in some cases. The root has also been claimed to be an anti-dote for snakebite by ancient writers."

Amount granted for adult education, assignment of waste land, etc., in North Arcot district in 1952.

* 1062 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount granted for each of the following items in North Arcot district in 1952—

(1) Adult Education, (2) Assignment of Waste Land, (3) Acquisition of private waste lands, (4) Irrigation and (5) Road Development; and

(*b*) the amount actually spent under each head?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The budget allotments are not made by districts. They are made for the State as a whole, and the Heads of Departments distribute the allotments, with reference to the needs of each district.

" (*b*) The expenditure incurred in 1952–53 in the North Arcot district was roughly as follows :—

	RS.
(1) Adult Education	4,000
(2) Assignment of waste lands	Nil.
(3) Acquisition of private waste lands	Nil.
(4) Irrigation	6,20,100
(5) Road Development (Schemes included in the Five-Year Plan)	5,47,100
	11,71,200"

Minor irrigation schemes in Attappady, Malabar.

* 1063 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal has been received by the Government from the Malabar Food Production Committee for starting minor irrigation schemes in Attapaddy in Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, what the schemes are and what decisions have been taken by the Government on the proposals?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The District Food Production Committee recommended to the Collector of Malabar two schemes to be taken up in the Attappady Valley.